

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Director

Jeffrey Cooney, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
March 10, 2017
Quest Business Centers
8405 Pulsar Place
Columbus, Ohio 43240

Board Members Attending:

Kelly Bell
Michael Brand
Karen Carney
Jeanne Cerniglia
Jeffrey Cooney
Joseph Fultz, Jr.
Melissa Kendralla
Julie Lather
Cynthia Lombardo
Ruth Lowery
Dustin Miller
Sandra Orth
Stephen Osborne
Venezuela Robinson
James Sommer
James Wagner
Ted Zigler

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Brown
Shvonne Davis
Debra McDonald

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Julia Simmerer represented Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, from the Ohio Department of Education

Jessica Mercerhill represented Chancellor John Carey, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate
Senator Vernon Sykes, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio Senate
Representative Andrew Brenner, Chair, House of Representative Education and Career Readiness Committee, Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Teresa Fedor, House of Representatives Education and Career Readiness Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Department of Education staff attending:

Kevin Draper
Carolyn Everidge-Frey
Sharon Flinders

General session

I. Call to Order: The business meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Cooney, Chair.

II. Roll Call: Ms. Flinders read the roll call.

III. Introductions: There were no introductions.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Cooney requested a motion to accept the March 10, 2017 agenda as distributed. Mr. Brand made the motion to accept the agenda and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Cooney requested a motion to approve the January 26, 2017 minutes. Ms. Orth made the motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Sommer seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

VI. Report from the Chair: Mr. Cooney presented the report:

- Ms. Cerniglia, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cooney, along with Ms. Everidge-Frey and Ms. Simmerer met with State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and his policy advisor Ms. Sarah Wickham on Friday, February 3 to go over the recommendations the Educator Standards Board will be making to the State Board of Education on the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). The recommendations were very well received. Superintendent DeMaria said in an email "I think it reflects really strong work on the part of the Educator Standards Board. I'm excited for the Board to be briefed on this work and to facilitate moving it to the stage of legislative consideration and broader deliberation. OTES is the issue that prompts the most frustration and concern among teachers." Ms. Cerniglia, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cooney will present to the State Board of Education on Monday, March 13.
- The recommendations will be discussed by the State Board of Education and will be moved on to the state legislature.
- Ms. Cerniglia presented the recommendations to the Ohio Education Association board of directors. Ms. Orth presented to a sub group of the Ohio Federation of Teachers. Other stakeholders have been informed of the recommendations to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System.
- Mr. Cooney said that there has been positive feedback on the work that the Educator Standards Board is doing.

VII. Report from the Ohio Department of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Paolo DeMaria.

- The Office of Educator Effectiveness and the Office of Educator Licensure along with our legal department are working on the licensure rules. We will be bringing the rules to the Educator Standards Board in May for review.
- Lori Kelly, director of the Office of Professional Conduct, will give an update in June on Professional Conduct. Next year there is potential work for the Educator Standards Board to review the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators. This Licensure Code was first drafted in 2008, and from 2008 to 2017 there have been a lot of changes, such as adding social media.
- Ms. Mercerhill and Ms. Simmerer and staff are meeting often to discuss the connection between programs and the licensure requirements.
- School Treasurers are required by state statute in revised code to not pay anyone who does not hold a valid license (teachers, administrators, principals, retirees who have returned to the work force, etc.).

VIII. Report from the State Board of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Paolo DeMaria.

- The Capacity Committee has been renamed Educators and Student Options. It is the working committee that deals with educators, licensure rules, and student options.
- We have ten new State Board of Education members.

IX. Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE): Ms. Mercerhill, who represents Chancellor Carey, presented the report.

- The year two data for College Credit Plus is available. Fifty-four thousand students have participated. This represents 120 million tuition dollars to be covered for these students.
- The Office of Educator Preparation is putting out an employer survey. This survey is for building leaders who have hired graduates from Ed Prep programs from Ohio.

X. Report from the Director: Ms. Everidge-Frey presented the report:

- February 15 was the final submission date for the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA). For Task 1 – 96% submitted, Task 2 – 93% submission rate, Task 3 – 95%, Task 4 – 96%. Some who did not submit may have extenuating circumstance. We will reach out to the program coordinators and ask if there were extenuating circumstances for the ones who did not submit.
- We have established a principal workgroup. This workgroup is looking at gaps in the principalship. What are the action steps that the group can identify to help the state moving forward, to offer assistance in support of the principalship? We have met twice, and we have one more meeting in April to finalize the recommendations.
- We have submitted a grant for Troops to Teachers. The grant is for four hundred thousand dollars and is a flow through grant to the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. We will know if we have received the grant by April 17.

- We are working on the Teachers and School Leaders (TIF) grant. This is the second application. We did not make the first time in the fall.
- We are doing professional development training for the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) State Trainers. These trainers are the ones that do the three day OTES training.
- We have been working with the school treasurers to make sure that when the data pull was done that it was not an error. We don't want to report a treasurer, who has paid someone who does not hold a license, when the data was not correct. If there is an error, we reach out and request that they fix the reporting error.

XI. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

- Mr. Cooney stated that the full board met and went over the bylaws. The bylaws are being streamlined and aligned more closely with the ORC. The Standards Committee will be continuing this revision in May.

XII. Discussion items:

These statements were made concerning the Third Grade Reading presentation that was done earlier in the morning.

- Ms. Bell said that she has a concern with the electronic means of testing students. She questions the data since part of the problem may be the students actually being able to take the test with this format. She would like more information on paper and pencil test versus book test in terms with what we have had in the past. She has concerns with the ESB making decisions on data that may or may not be valid based on the formatting of the test.
- It was agreed that they need more information.
- Ms. Everidge-Frey asked that they email specific requests, and she would send to the correct people for more information.

XIII. Action items: There were no action items.

XIV. Old business: There was no old business.

XV. New business: There was no new business.

XVI. Announcements: Ms. Adornetto, Ohio Education Association, passed out a flyer on the OEA Summer Academy 2017. The academy will be on Tuesday June 20. She specifically wanted the members to know that there is an Educator Standards Board Panel. She invited everyone to attend and to also invite the stakeholders.

XVII. Adjournment: Mr. Cooney called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brand made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.